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INFORUEHBAC/AMEMBASSY CANBERRA 6339

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FOR SCA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN, APER, ABUD

SUBJECT: "CONSULAR PACKAGE"FY - 1979

REF: STATE 087841/1

BUREAU EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS, COUNTRY AND POST, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

SCHEDULE I IMMIGRANT VISAS:

FY-1976 FY-1977 FY-1978 FY-1979

ACTUAL ESTIMATE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE

10/1/75 10/1/76 10/1/77 10/1/78

TO 9/30/76 TO 9/30/77 TO 9/30/78 TO 9/30/79

1. IV'S ISSUED	1151	1150	1200	1250
2. IV'S REFUSED	3	3	4	4
3. TOTAL IV CASES	1154	1153	1204	1254

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MAN-HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN:

4. FULL TIME PERM-

ANENT	1904	2129	2129	2129
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5. TEMPORARY DETAIL -- -- -- --

6. PIT -- -- -- --

## 7. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS	1904	2129	2129	2129
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## LOCAL:

8. FULL TIME PERMAN- 2853 5568 5568 5800

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9. TEMPORARY DETAIL -- -- -- --

10. PIT -- -- -- --

## 11. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS	5853	5568	5568	5800
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12. TOTAL IV MAN-HRS. 7757 7697 7697 7929

## PCT OF TOTAL IV CASES REQUIRING:

13. USE OF INTERPRETER NIL

14. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK 75 PERCENT

## SCHEDULE II NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS

FY-1976 FY-1977 FY-1978 FY-1979

ACTUAL ESTIMATE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE

15. NIV'S ISSUED 55594 57380 59331 63489

16. NIV'S REFUSED 61 70 70 70

16. TOTAL NIV CASES 55655 57450 59401 63559

## MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

## AMERICAN OFFICERS

18. FULL TIME PERM-

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ANENT	2361	2714	2740	3833
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19. TEMPORARY DETAIL -- -- -- --

20. PIT (LOCALLY

HIRED) -- -- -- --

21. SUB-TOTAL AMERI-

CAN MAN-HOURS	2361	2714	2740	3833
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## LOCAL

22. FULL TIME PERM-

ANENT	7161	7649	8384	10,042
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23. TEMPORARY DETAIL -- -- - --

24. PIT -- 488 976 --

## 25. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS	7161	8137	9360	10,042
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26. TOTAL NIV MAN-HOURS

9522	10,851	12,100	13,875
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27. NIV FEES COLLECTED DOLS 653.25

28. BORDER CROSSING CARDS

FY-76 NIL

29. CREW LIST VISAS

FY-76 61

30. NAMES ON CREW LIST

VISAS FY-76 6273

PCT OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING:

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31. INTERVIEWS 7 PERCENT

31. USE OF INTERPRETER

(OF TOTAL NIV CASES INTERVIEWED) 2 PERCENT

33. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK 1.5 PERCENT

SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

FY-1976 FY-1977 FY-1978 FY-1979

ACTUAL ESTIMATE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE

34. AM. CITIZEN DEATHS 39 46 50 55

35. ESTATE/PROP-

ERTY CLAIMS 3 8 8 10

36. NOTARIALS 1591 2096 1900 2200

37. WELFARE/WHERE-

ABOUTS 91 150 160 170

38. ARRESTS 30 24 28 30

39. SEAMEN AND

SHIPPING 75 50 50 50

40. OTHER AGENCY

SERVICES 617 648 680 720

41. TOTAL SCS CASES 2432 3022 2876 3235

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## MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

## AMERICAN:

## 42. FULL-TIME PERM-

ANENT	963	968	1250	1400
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43. TEMPORARY DETAIL	--	--	--	--
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44. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)	--	--	--	--
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## 45. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS	963	968	1250	1400
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## LOCAL:

## 46. FULL-TIME PERMANENT

	2628	2600	2650	2700
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47. TEMPORARY DETAIL	--	--	--	--
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48. PIT	--	--	--	--
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## 49. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS	2628	2600	2650	2700
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## 50. TOTAL SCS MAN-

HOURS	3591	3568	3900	4100
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51. TREASURY CHECKS FY-76 25,130

## SCHEDULE IV - CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT SERVICES

	FY-1976	FY-1977	FY-1978	FY-1979
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	ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE
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52. PPT APPLS.	1613	1500	1650	1750
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## EXECUTED

53. PPT. APPL.	72	68	76	90
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## EXAMINED

54. FEE PPTS ISSUED	1846	1718	1850	1950
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55. NO-FEE PPTS. ISS.	3	3	3	3
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## 56. PPTS AMENDED OR

EXTENDED	269	258	280	290
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57. NEW REGISTRATION	2055	1510	1800	2000
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## APPLS.

58. REPORTS OF BIRTH	263	270	320	370
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TOM WITNESS TO MARRIAGE	--	--	--	--
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60. WAIVER OF PASSPORTS	3	1	1	1
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## 61. SUB-TOTAL PPT

CASES	6124	5328	5980	6454
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## 62. IDENTITY CARDS

ISSUED	1	2	2	3
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63. TOTAL PPT CASES 6125 5330 5982 6457

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN:

64. FULL TIME PERM-

ANENT	833	800	850	850
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65. TEMPORARY DETAIL	--	--	--	--
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66. PIT	--	--	--	--
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67. SUB-TOTAL AMER.

MAN-HOURS	833	800	850	850
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LOCAL:

68. FULL TIME PERM-

ANENT	2545	2398	2500	2590
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69. TEMPORARY DETAIL	--	--	--	--
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70. PIT	--	--	--	--
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71. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN HOURS	2545	2398	2500	2590
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72. TOTAL PPT MAN-HOURS	3378	3198	3350	3440
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3. AMERICANS REG-

ISTERED 3/31/77 10,000

AMERICAN CITIZEN

RESIDENT:

74. OFFICIAL 51

75. NON-OFFICIAL 19,000

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SCHEDULE V - CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS

1. THE RECENT PARM SUBMISSION FOR AUSTRALIA REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION OF ONE NEW OFFICER AND ONE NEW FSL POSITION FOR THE SYDNEY CONSULAR SECTION IN FY-69. WE SEE THE FSL WORKING EXCLUSIVELY IN THE NIV UNIT. THE OFFICER, ON THE OTHER HAND, WHILE WORKING PRIMARILY ON NIV'S WOULD ALSO HELP OUT IN SCS WORK, PARTICULARLY IN PRISON VISITATION. THE FY-79 MAN HOUR PROJECTIONS IN THIS SUBMISSION ARE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THESE POSITIONS WILL BE AUTHORIZED.

2. THE PERSONNEL RESOURCES OF THE SYDNEY NIV UNIT ARE NOW STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT. THE PRESENT COMPLIMENT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1972 WHEN THIS OFFICE WAS ISSUING 26,000 VISAS ANNUALLY AND TAKING 4 WORKING DAYS TO PROCESS THE APPLICATIONS. WE NOW PROCESS APPLICATIONS IN TWO DAYS AND LAST YEAR ISSUED MORE THAN 56,000 VISAS, TENTH HIGHEST TOTAL IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE. SO FAR THIS YEAR THE VOLUME OF ISSUANCE HAS CONTINUED TO RPWE, TO THE POINT WHERE IT NEARLY OVERWHELMS OUR PERSONNEL, AND, AMONG OTHER THINS, MAKES IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT A COMPLETELY ACCURATE CHECK OF THE VLOB. THE OFFICER COPEs BY WORKING AN AVERAGE OF 8 HOURS OF OVERTIME PER WEEK. WE SEE NO FURTHER MANAGEMENT INOVATIONS WHICH WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO COPE WITHIN THE CURRENT STAFFING LIMITATIONS. A RETURN TO A LONGER PROCESSING TIME, COULD, IN VIEW OF OUR TIGHT SPACT LIMITATIONS (620 SQUARE FEET FOR THE ENTIRE UNIT, INCLUDING WAITING ROOM) CREATE MORE MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS THAN IT MIGHT SOLVE. WE HAVE RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FOR A 90 DAY PIT FSL TO HELP MEET THIS YEAR'S PEAK SEASON DEMAND AND WE PLAN TO REQUEST TWO SUCH AUTHORIZATIONS IN FY-78. OUR PEAK SEASON, HOWEVER, IS NOT AS PRONOUNCED AS IN MANY OTHER POSTS. IN FACT, THE VOLUME OF VISA ISSUANCE DOES NOT VARY WIDELY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THUS

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WE CANNOT DEAL WITH RAISING WORKLOADS THROUGH THE SIMPLE EXPEDIENT OF UTILIZING PIT POSIT ONS. THE FACT IS WE NEED A FULL-TIME FSL POSITION NOW. BY FY-79 OUR NEED WILL BE DESPERATE. THE POST REGRETS THAT THIS WAS NOT MADE CLEAR IN LAST YEAR'S CONSULAR PACKAGE.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING THE DEPARTMENT'S INJUNCTION AGAINST EMPLOYING STRAIGHT LINE PROJECTIONS WHEN MAKING ESTIMATES OF FUTURE WORK LOADS, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO IGNORE THE FACT THAT NIV ISSUANCE IN SYDNEY FOR NINE STRAIGHT YEARS THROUGH 1975 ROSE AT A STEADY ANNUAL RATE OF ABOUT 11 PERCENT. LAST YEAR, SPURRED BY THE TWIN ATTRACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL AND THE MONTREAL OLYMPICS, IT INCREASED 20 PERCENT. TO THE SURPRISE OF MANY, ISSUANCE THIS

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YEAR HAS NOT FALLEN OFF. ON THE CONTRARY, SO FAR EACH MONTH'S ISSUANCE HAS OUTSTRIPPED THAT OF THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. THUS A TREND OF STEADILY INCREASING TRAVEL TO THE U.S. COULD HARDLY BE CLEARER. IN OUR VIEW ALL INDICATIONS POINT TOWARD ITS CONTINUATION. LOCAL TRAVEL AGENTS, AND PRESEMPABLY CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, WHICH HAS ANNOUNCED ITS PLAN TO JOIN THE COMPETITION ON THE AUSTRALIA TO U.S. RUN, SHARE OUR VIEW. WE BELIEVE THE REASONS FOR THIS TREND ARE FAIRLY SIMPLE. FACED WITH THE EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH COSTS OF DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS, AN EVER INCREASING NUMBER OF AUSTRALIANS ARE TURNING ABROAD FOR THEIR HOLIDAYS. HAVING TESTED THE WATERS AND FOUND THEM GOOD, THEY TELL OTHERS, WHO FOLLOW. EVEN THE FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL DEVALUATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR AT THE END OF 1976 DID NOT ALTER THE FACT THAT A PACKAGE TOUR TO THE UNITED STATES IS AN ATTRACTIVE TRAVEL BARGAIN IN THIS COUNTRY. ONLY FURTHER SHARP DEVALUATION, NOT NOW EXPECTED, COULD ALTER THIS SITUATION.

4. OUR PROJECTED INCREASES IN SCS MAN HOURS BEGINNING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND RUNNING THROUGH FY-69 ARE WELL GROUNDED IN OUR EXPERIENCE THUS FAR THIS YEAR IN COMPLYING FULLY WITH THE REGULATIONS REGARDING PRISON VISITS. WHILE UNCLASSIFIED

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WE HAVE HAD ON THE AVERAGE ONLY 6 PRISONERS AT ANY ONE TIME, BECAUSE OF THE TRAVEL TIME REQUIRED ON THIS VAST CONTINENT, PRISONER VISITATION NORMALLY TAKES 4 FULL OFFICER DAYS PER MONTH. (THIS MONTH 8 OFFICER DAYS WILL BE CONSUMED BECAUSE OF A PRISONER IN DISTANT NAURU). THERE IS NO WAY THIS REQUIREMENT CAN BE MET BY THE CURRENT CONSULAR SECTION STAFF. AT THE MOMENT ALL OFFICERS AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL, INCLUDING THOSE AT THE TRADE CENTER AND USIS, IN ROTATION, SHARE THIS BURDEN. THIS SYSTEM IS, OF COURSE, A STOP-GAP MEASURE AT BEST, WHICH NEVERTHELESS, MUST ENDURE UNTIL OUR REQUEST FOR ANOTHER CONSULAR OFFICER POSITION IS MET.

5. HOME LEAVE ASSIGNMENTS TO TWO OF THREE OFFICERS IN THE SECTION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BROUGHT ABOUT THE HIGH LONG LEAVE TOTAL SHOWN UNDER AMERICAN MAN HOURS BELOW. THE STAFFING GAP OF 128 HOURS TOOK PLACE IN THE CHIEF OF SECTION SLOT. IN ADDITION ONE FSL IN SCS WAS ABSENT 320 HOURS DUE TO HOSPITALIZATION.

6. AS REPORTED LAST YEAR, NOTWITHSTANDING CONTINUING WORK LOAD INCREASES IN THE CONSULAR SECTION, ITS LOCALS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO THE POST RECEPTIONIST-TELEPHONE OPERATOR, BOTH WHEN IS ON LEAVE AND AT LEAST TWICE A DAY. AN ESTIMATED 400 MAN HOURS WAS LOST TO THIS FUNCTION DURING FY-76.

FY-76

HOURS GAINED	AMERICAN	LOCAL
OVERTIME	535	0
DETAILS IN	--	--
HOURS LOST	AMERICAN	LOCAL
DETAILS OUT	--	--
STAFFING GAPS	128 HOURS	NIL
PROLONGED LEAVE	664 HOURS	

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AMERICANS: VISAS SCS PPT GENERAL TOTAL



76. AUTHORIZED 6/30/76 2 1/2 1/2 -- 3  
77. AUTHORIZED 3/31/77 2 1/2 1/2 -- 3  
78. FILLED 3/31/77 2 1/2 1/2 -- 3

INCREASE/DECREASE:

79. REQUIRED FY 1978 -- -- -- 1 1  
80. REQUIRED FY 1979 -- -- -- 1 1

LOCALS: VISAS SCS PPT GENERAL TOTAL

81. AUTHORIZED 6/30/76 7 2 1 10  
82. AUTHORIZED 3/31/77 7 2 1 10

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83. FILLED 3/31/77 10

INCREASE/DECREASE:

84. REQUIRED FY 1978 PLUS 1  
85. REQUIRED FY 1979 PLUS 1 (IF NOT PROVIDED IN FY 78)

SCHEDULE VI - FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC.

A. FEDERAL BENEFIT ACTIVITY

NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED:

AMERICAN 0 LOCAL 0

HOURS WORKED BY OCCUPANTS OF THESE POSITIONS ON WORK OTHER  
THAN FEDERAL BENEFITS:

AMERICAN N/A LOCAL N/A

HOURS WORKED BY REGULAR (NONREIMBURSED) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES

ON FEDERAL BENEFITS:

AMERICAN 80 LOCAL 1477

B. FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

OUTSIDE INVESTIGATIONS

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1. NOT DONE NIL

2. DONE BY SY NIL

3. DONE BY CONSULAR SECTION 6

A. SPECIAL FRAUD UNIT OR

B. REGULAR PERSONNEL 6

IF DONE BY CONSULAR UNIT, MANHOURS FOR:

AMERICAN 12 LOCAL 4

VISA APPLICATIONS NIL RATE OF INCREASE/DECREASE - 100 PERCENT

PPT APPLICATIONS NIL RATE OF INCREASE/DECREASE NIL

DONE FOR INS 16 RATE OF INCREASE/DECREASE SAME

OF CASES INVESTIGATED, WHAT PERCENT FINALLY ISSUED:

VISAS N/A

PPT N/A

C. U.S. CITIZENS IN JAIL 3/31/77 7

D. SERVICES FOR INS:

1. NUMBER OF RE-ENTRY PERMIT EXTENSIONS 51

2. NUMBER OF I-151 CARDS SURRENDERED NIL

3. I-151 CARD INTERVIEWS - LOST OR STOLEN 4

E. LOSS OF NATIONALITY CASES 118

(INCLUDING RENUNCIATIONS)

F. FOUND PASSPORT CASES PROCESSED 2

G. CONSULAR AGENTS - GIVE ESTIMATE PERCENTAGE WISE OF

POSTS TOTAL CONSULAR WORKLOAD PERFORMED BY

CONSULAR AGENTS UNDER POST JURISDICTION, I.E. PROTECTIVE.

NOT APPLICABLE.

H. BREAKDOWN OF CONSULAR STAFFING IS SHOWN IN LATTER PART

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SCHEDULE V. ITEMS 76 THROUGH 78 AND 81 THROUGH 83.  
AMERICAN STAFF CONSISTS OF SUPERVISORY CONSUL FOR AUSTRALIA,  
CONSUL AND VICE CONSUL. LOCAL STAFF CONSISTS OF ONE  
PPT, TWO SCS, FOUR NIV AND THREE IV FSLs.

I. UNIQUE PROBLEMS.

THE GROWTH IN THE WORKLOAD IN LOSS OF NATIONALITY CASES  
REPORTED IN LAST YEAR'S CONSULAR PACKAGE HAS CONTINUED  
UNABATED. AS NOTED ABOVE 118 ACTUAL CASES WERE HANDLED  
DURING FY-76. 79 MORE HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROCESSED IN THE  
FIRST HALF OF THIS FISCAL YEAR.

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